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In re application of )  
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Serial No. 10/790,598 ) Group Art Unit: 4162  
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ONE-STEP PRODUCTION OF 1,3-PROPANEDIOL ) January 5, 2009  
FROM ETHYLENE OXIDE AND SYNGAS WITH )  
A COBALT IRON CATALYST )

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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Please charge the \$1,110 fee to Shell Oil Company, Deposit Account No. 19-1800.  
An extra copy of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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